

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A method Use of a retinoic acid antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of ectopic development of columnar epithelium comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a composition comprising retinoic acid antagonist.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the Use of a retinoic acid antagonist in the reduction of proliferation of ectopic columnar epithelium in a subject comprising administering to said subject in need thereof a composition comprising retinoic acid.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) A use according to any preceding claim A method according to claim 2, or claim 5, wherein the retinoic acid antagonist is an aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor.
8. (Currently amended) A use-A method according to claim 7 wherein the aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor is a competitive inhibitor of aldehyde dehydrogenase.
9. (Currently amended) A use-A method according to any preceding claim 2, or claim 5, wherein the retinoic acid antagonist is citral.
10. (Currently amended) A use-A method according to any preceding claim 2, or claim 5, wherein the retinoic acid antagonist is a retinoic acid receptor antagonist.
11. (Original) A method of treating Barrett's oesophagus in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of retinoic acid antagonist.

12. (Original) A method of treating Barrett's oesophagus in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a CYP26A1 inhibitor.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 11 or claim 12 wherein said antagonist comprises citral.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) Use of retinoic acid in A method for the induction or maintenance of columnar epithelium comprising adding retinoic acid to columnar epithelial cells in an amount effective to promote said induction or maintenance.

16. (Currently amended) Use of retinoic acid in the A method of promoting conversion of squamous epithelium to columnar epithelium comprising contacting said squamous epithelium with retinoic acid.

17. (Canceled)